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Art Unit: 1641

For: METHODS AND CONTROLS FOR
MONITORING ASSAY QUALITY AND
ACCURACY IN PARATHYROID HORMONE
MEASUREMENT

Examiner: C. Cheu

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In a paper mailed on June 2, 2006, the Examiner has required restriction between four Groups of claims allegedly representing separate and distinct inventions. A response to the restriction requirement is due on July 2, 2006. This response is therefore timely filed. Substantive examination on the merits of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Restriction has been required as between the following allegedly distinct groups of inventions:

Group I (claims 1-15): drawn to a PTH assay control, classified in class 435, subclass 86;

Group II (claims 1, 16-18): drawn to a method to verify the accuracy of a PTH assay, classified in class 436, subclass 512;

Group III (claims 1, 2, 19-20) drawn to a method to improve the accuracy of a PTH assay, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1; and

Group IV (claims 1, 2, 21-24): drawn to a method to verify the accuracy of a combination of PTH assays, classified in class 436, subclass 517.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 2, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1-15, for continued examination. The election is made without traverse.

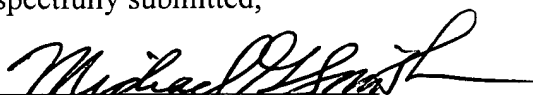
The Examiner stated that Group I and Groups II-IV are related as product and process of use. Applicant has elected to prosecute the 'product' claims of Group I. Accordingly, applicant reserves the right to rejoin the 'method of use' claims of Groups II-IV once allowable subject matter has been found for the claims of Group I, and the method of use claims of Groups II-IV have been amended to include all limitations of an allowable product claim.

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